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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELIZE 0982

MEXICO FOR LEGATT

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USSS FOR HOLTZHALLER

E.O. 11652: XGDS
TAGS: EFIN
SUBJECT: COUNTERFEIT U. S. CURRENCY

1. A COLUMBIAN NATIONAL, LUCIO HERIBERTO ALFANO PEREA,
ALIAS "SPARTACUS", WAS ARRESTED IN BELMOPAN 12/10/76.
PEREA HAD IN HIS POSSESSION 53 COUNTERFEIT US 100 DOLLAR BILLS.

2. PEREA HAS BEEN RESIDENT IN BENQUE VIEJO DEL CARMEN,
BELIZE, FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR. BELIZEAN POLICE BELIEVE
PEREA'S WIFE IS ACTING AS THE COURIER BETWEEN COLOMBIA
AND BELIZE VIA EL SALVADOR, AND THEY PLAN TO SEARCH HER WHEN
SHE NEXT ENTERS THE COUNTRY.

3. QUALITY OF PAPER AND ENGRAVING ARE POOR, WITHOUT SILK
THREADS AND NEARLY ALL SERIAL NUMBERS ARE DUPLICATED.

4. LIST OF SERIAL NUMBERS AND SIX SPECIMENS BEING
POUCHED TO U. S. S. S. BELIZEAN POLICE REQUEST CERTIFI-
CATION THAT BILLS ARE COUNTERFEIT. CONGEN OFFICER
OFFERED CERTIFICATION FROM POST BUT AS THIS IS TO BE
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USED AS EVIDENCE IN TRIAL OF PEREA, COMMISSIONER OF

POLICE PREFERRED THAT TO COME FROM U. S. HQS OFFICIALS. CONGEN OFFICER HAS EXAMINED ALL 53 NOTES AND ALL ARE IDENTICAL TO SAMPLES BEING POUCHED EXCEPT FOR SERIAL NUMBERS.

5. CONGEN OFFICER WAS SHOWN COUNTERFEIT U. S. 50 DOLLAR NOTE FOUND IN CIRCULATION IN BELIZE CITY ABOUT A MONTH AGO. THIS NOTE WAS OF MUCH BETTER QUALITY THAN THOSE ABOVE. GOOD QUALITY PAPER AND RED AND BLUE THREADS HAD BEEN DRAWN IN INK. SEVERAL POLICE OFFICERS THOUGHT IT WAS GENUINE CURRENCY BEING USED FOR COMPARISON. SERIAL NUMBER IS B09522952A, SERIES 1974, SIGNATURES ARE SAME AS ON SPECIMEN BEING POUCHED.
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